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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2021-0044]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions, and one extension of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Submit your Comments:

comments online referencing Docket ID Number

[SSA-2021-0044].

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https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2021-0044].

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Individuals can obtain copies of these OMB clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Request for Waiver of Overpayment Recovery and Request for
Change in Overpayment Recovery Rate -- 20 CFR 404.502,
404.506-404.512, 416.550-416.558, 416.570-416.571 -- 0960-0037.
When Social Security beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income
(SSI) recipients receive an overpayment, they must return the extra money.
These beneficiaries and recipients can use Form SSA-632-BK, Request for
Waiver of Overpayment Recovery, to request a waiver from repaying their
overpayment. Beneficiaries and recipients can also use Form SSA-634,
Request for Change in Overpayment Recovery, to request a change to the
monthly recovery rate of their overpayment. The respondents must provide
financial information to help the agency determine how much the overpaid
person can afford to repay each month. The respondents are individuals
who are overpaid Social Security or SSI payments who are requesting:

(1) a waiver of recovery of an overpayment, or (2) a lesser rate of withholding.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Average Wait Time in Field Office or for Teleservice Centers (minutes) **	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)***
SSA-632 - Request for Waiver of Overpayment Recovery (If completing entire paper form, including the AFI authorization)	400,000	1	120	800,000	\$10.95*	21**	\$10,293,000***
SSA-634 - Request for Change in Overpayment Recovery Rate (Completing paper form) Totals	100,000 500,000	1	45	75,000 875,000	\$10.95*	21**	\$1,204,500*** \$11,497,500***

^{*} We based this figure on the average DI payments based on SSA's current

FY 2021 data (https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2021FactSheet.pdf).

- ** We based this figure on averaging both the average FY 2021 wait times for field offices and teleservice centers, based on SSA's current management information data.
- *** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents

will spend to complete the application. There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.

2. Statement of Claimant or Other Person -- 20 CFR 404.702 & 416.570 --

0960-0045. SSA uses Form SSA-795, Statement of Claimant or Other Person, in special situations where there is no authorized form or questionnaire, yet we require a signed statement from the applicant, claimant, or other individuals who have knowledge of facts, in connection with claims for Social Security benefits or SSI. The information we request on the SSA-795 is of sufficient importance that we need both a signed statement and a penalty clause. SSA uses this information to process, in addition to claims for benefits, issues about continuing eligibility; ongoing benefit amounts; use of funds by a representative payee; fraud investigation; and a myriad of other program-related matters. The most common respondents are applicants for Social Security, SSI, or recipients of these programs. However, respondents also include friends and relatives of the involved parties, coworkers, neighbors, or anyone else in a position to provide information pertinent to the issue(s).

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Average Wait Time in Field Office (minutes) **	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)***
SSA-795 (paper version)	207,239	1	15	51,810	\$10.95*	24**	\$1,475,031***
SSA-795 (Person Statement) electronic version	24,583	1	15	6,146	\$27.07*		\$166,372***

Totals | 231,822 | -- | 57,956 | -- | -- | \$1,641,403***

* We based these figures on the average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2021 data (https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2021FactSheet.pdf) and on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

- ** We based this figure on the average FY 2021 wait time for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.
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- 3. Claimant's Medication -- 20 CFR 404.1512, 416.912 -- 0960-0289. In cases where claimants request a hearing after denial of their disability claim for Social Security, SSA uses Form HA-4632, Claimant's Medications, to request information from the claimant regarding the medications they use. This information helps the judge overseeing the case to fully investigate:
 (1) the claimant's medical treatment and (2) the effects of the medications on the claimant's medical impairments and functional capacity. The judge makes the completed form a part of the documentary evidence of record, placing it in the official record of the proceedings as an exhibit. The respondents are applicants (or their representatives) for Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits or SSI payments who request a hearing to contest an agency denial of their claim.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Average Wait Time in Field Office (minutes)	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)***
HA-4632 (PDF/paper version)	53,200	1	15	13,300	\$10.95*	24**	\$378,651***
Electronic Records Express Submissions	136,800	1	15	34,200	\$27.07*		\$925,794***
Totals	190,000	_		47,500			\$1,304,445***

^{*} We based these figures on the average DI payments based on SSA's

current FY 2021 data (https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2021FactSheet.pdf) and on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

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- 4. Disability Report-Adult -- 20 CFR 404.1512 and 416.912 0960-0579.
 State Disability Determination Services (DDS) use the SSA-3368,
 Disability Report-Adult, and its electronic versions to determine if adult disability applicants' impairments are severe and, if so, how the

impairments affect the applicants' ability to work. This determination dictates whether the DDSs and SSA will find the applicant to be disabled and entitled to SSI payments. The respondents are applicants for Title II disability benefits or Title XVI SSI payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Average Wait Time in Field Office or for Teleservice Centers (minutes) **	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)***
SSA-3368	6,045	1	90	9,068	\$10.95*	21**	\$122,465***
(Paper)							
EDCS 3368	1,263,104	1	90	1,894,656	\$10.95*	21**	\$25,587,325***
(Intranet)							
i3368	989,361	1	90	1,484,042	\$10.95*		\$16,250,260***
(Internet)							
Totals	2,258,510			3,387,766			\$41,960,050***

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- 5. Request for Internet Services and 800# Automated Telephone Services

 Knowledge-Based Authentication (RISA-KBA) -- 20 CFR 401.45 --

O960-0596. The Request for Internet Services and 800# Automated
Telephone Services (RISA) Knowledge-Based Authentication (KBA) is
one of the authentication methods SSA uses to allow individuals access to
their personal information through our Internet and Automated Telephone
Services. SSA asks individuals and third parties who seek personal
information from SSA records, or who register to participate in SSA's
online business services, to provide certain identifying information. As an
extra measure of protection, SSA asks requestors who use the Internet and
Automated Telephone Services to provide additional identifying
information unique to those individuals so SSA can authenticate their
identities before releasing personal information. The respondents are
current beneficiaries who are requesting personal information from SSA,
and individuals and third parties who are registering for SSA's online
business services.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)**
Internet Requestors	2,921,795	1	3	146,090	\$27.07*	\$3,954,656**
Telephone Requestors	1,157,833	1	4	77,189	\$27.07*	\$2,089,506**
Totals	4,079,628			198,930		\$6,044,162**

^{*} We based this figure on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data

(https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

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- 6. Testimony by Employees and the Production of Records and Information in Legal Proceedings -- 20 CFR 403.100-403.155 -- 0960-0619. Regulations at 20 CFR 403.100-403.155 of the Code of Federal Regulations establish SSA's policies and procedures for an individual; organization; or government entity to request official agency information, records, or testimony of an agency employee in a legal proceeding when the agency is not a party. The request, which respondents submit in writing to SSA, must: (1) fully set out the nature and relevance of the sought testimony; (2) explain why the information is not available by other means; (3) explain why it is in SSA's interest to provide the testimony; and (4) provide the date, time, and place for the testimony. Respondents are individuals or entities who request testimony from SSA employees in connection with a legal proceeding.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)**
20 CFR 403.100- 403.155	100	1	60	100	\$27.07*	\$2,707**

* We based this figure on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data

(https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

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- 7. Function Report Adult-Third Party -- 20 CFR 404.1512 & 416.912 -- 0960-0635. Individuals receiving or applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or SSI provide SSA with medical evidence and other proof SSA requires to prove their disability. SSA, and DDS on our behalf, collect this information using Form SSA-3380-BK, Function Report-Adult-Third Party. We use the information to document how claimant's disabilities affect their ability to function, and to determine eligibility for SSI and SSDI claims. The respondents are third parties familiar with the functional limitations (or lack thereof) of claimants who apply for SSI and SSDI benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollar)*	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)**
SSA-3380-BK	709,700	1	61	721,528	\$27.07*	\$19,531,763***

- * We based this figure on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data

 (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).
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- 8. Certification of Prisoner Identity Information -- 20 CFR 422.107 --**0960-0688.** Inmates of Federal, State, or local prisons may need a Social Security card as verification of their Social Security number for school or work programs, or as proof of employment eligibility upon release from incarceration. Before SSA can issue a replacement Social Security card, applicants must show SSA proof of their identity. People who are in prison for an extended period typically do not have current identity documents. Therefore, under written agreement with the correctional institution, SSA allows prison officials to verify the identity of certain incarcerated U.S. citizens who need replacement Social Security cards. Prison officials provide SSA information from the official prison files, sent on correctional facility letterhead. SSA uses this information to establish the applicant's identity in the replacement Social Security card process. The respondents are prison officials who certify the identity of prisoners applying for replacement Social Security cards.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection

Modality of	Number of	Frequency	Number	Average	Estimated	Average	Total
Completion	Respondents	of	of	Burden	Total	Theoretical	Annual
		Response	Responses	per	Annual	Hourly	Opportunity
				Response	Burden	Cost	Cost
				(minutes)	(hours)	Amount	(dollars)**
						(dollars)*	
Verification	1,000	200	200,000	3	10,000	\$28.80*	\$288,000**
of Prisoner							
Identity							
Statements							

* We based this figure on average Probation Officers and Correctional

Treatment Specialists hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes211092.htm).

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